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THREE CENTS

Local School Program

The end of the school year for High and Center Schools will soon be here and the program of events has been announced. Center School will hold its promotion exercises in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, June 13, at 8 o'clock and the High School graduation will be Friday evening, the 15th at the Town Hall with Dr. N. Robinson Shipperd, instructor in English of Harvard University, as the guest speaker. Center School will close on Thursday the 14th and the last assembly of the High School will be Friday the 15th. The Senior Class picnic will be Thursday, June 14th, in the afternoon. At the Senior Class graduation, Rua Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Jones, will be the valedictorian, having received highest rank for her four years work, and June Cota, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Cota, will be the salutatorian, having received the second award for efficient scholarship.

Hurt In Bad Accident

Information was received recently by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker that their son, Lieut. Thomas Parker, has been injured in a motor accident in Florida resulting in a compound fracture of his leg and a broken and dislocated left wrist. He is at the regional station hospital at Orlando for treatment. Before entering the service in November, 1942, he was employed by the J. P. Morgan Co. in New York City where he resigned for aviation cadet training. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in October, 1944.

Cum Laude Inducts

Thirteen seniors of Mount Hermon School were elected to Cum Laude and formally inducted in an impressive service following the dinner at West Hall on the campus Wednesday evening, May 23. President Horace H. Morse presided and made the awards, being assisted by Secretary Carlton L'Hommedieu. The guest speaker was the well-known poet, David Morton of Amherst. Those elected and in order of rank are as follows: Ralph Rinfrette, Anthony Arrett, Robert Hamilton, Charles Mandelstam, Owen Marsh, John Ogilvie, Richard Frost, George Lawson, Jr., Theodore Covel, Keistutie Devenis, Robert Buker, William Wallace and posthumously to Harry Foulkes.

Town Topics

Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle entertained the Historical Society at her home on Tuesday evening, when a history of the early churches in Northfield was presented by Charles Stearns.

Marjory and Michael Speers are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greenwood at their home on Main Street.

Robin Stevenson who has made many flights from The Marianas out over Tokyo has been made a first lieutenant.

Mrs. Claire Doremus Linscott of Masters school, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. has been a guest at the summer home of her sister, Miss Dorothy Doremus, on Rustic Ridge.

Miss Josephine A. Moody, who spent the winter in Arizona, has reopened her house for the summer on Rustic Ridge. She is enjoying a year's leave from her teaching in New York City.

Rev. and Mrs. Loring B. Chase, who have spent the winter in Florida, are now at their summer residence in the Highlands. Mr. Chase will be the preacher at the Metcalf Memorial Chapel in Warwick each Sunday until the fall.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. McIntire and her sister, Miss Mabel Livingstone, who have spent the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla., are returning to their cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer.

Former Editor Dies

F. Ambler Welch, former editor and publisher of the Northfield Press and for many years a department editor of the Boston Globe, died suddenly after a heart attack at his home in Hingham, at the age of 55, last week. He was a graduate of Harvard College in 1911 and went immediately into a journalistic career, serving with various newspapers until he took over the Press by purchase from William W. Coe. He sold the Press in 1919 to other interests and returned to Boston and his connection with the Globe. He was active in this community during his stay here and was a member of the Grange and Harmony Lodge of Masons. Many of our citizens will recall their acquaintance with him and his family. He is survived by his wife, the former Blanche Morrison of Quincy, and two children.

Advertisers in the Press of the Seventh War Loan will receive a card of appreciation from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Heads Church Council

Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Berger, pastor of the Elmwood Presbyterian Church of Syracuse, has been elected president of the Council of Churches of Syracuse and Onondaga County which includes the clergy and leaders of all denominations. Dr. Berger, well known here as a summer resident for many years, is president of the Rustic Ridge Association and with his wife occupies their cottage on the third ridge. They will spend the month of August in Northfield. He was a former chaplain in the U. S. Army.

Safe After Missing

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilde of Mount Hermon have received a letter from their son, Milton Wilde, who was reported as missing some two months ago. He was captured by the Germans after he had descended from his plane which was shot down and placed in a prisoners camp. From this camp he was liberated by the Russians and is in good health, expecting to return home very soon.

Have Bought Homes

Gordon C. Buffum has purchased the former Miss Virginia Smith Home on Main Street and expects to occupy as a residence after July 1st after remodeling and making some improvements. Homer Carne, formerly of this town has purchased the former home of the Pattison family on Birnam Road. William A. Shattuck has sold his home on Maple Street to George L. Alexander of New York who buys for summer residence. Interested parties have recently looked over the Whitmore, Merriman and Kendrick properties for business purposes.

At Green Pastures

The young people of this town will be welcome at "Green Pastures" (below E. Northfield Post Office) every Tuesday evening this summer, from 8 to 10 p. m. Mrs. E. M. Powell and Mr. A. P. Fitt will be on hand to greet and boys and girls who wish to use their home in this way.

In the barn there is a ping pong table; on the lawn, soft ball, deck tennis, badminton, and a horseshoe game; on the porch, dancing and music

Population Grows

The census of the residents of Northfield has been concluded and listings have been made of 2064 persons. This was the state census taken throughout Massachusetts and establishes the fact here that we are a growing community. The census of five years ago was 1950 and that of 10 years ago 1888. The taking of the census here was done by Gene Callum and George Leonard.

Serving at Okinawa

Information has been received that Donald Randall, coxswain USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Randall of West Northfield, was aboard the first warship to enter Okinawa at the time of the invasion of that island in which there is now hard fighting. For a week he was at his battle station aboard a minesweeper to clear a path for units of the fleet, and the task still continues.

Mrs. John Phelps of Main Street has gone to Maine to spend the summer months with friends and relatives.

Miss Elsie Scott of the faculty School for Girls will take a twelve weeks course of study at Massachusetts State college this summer.

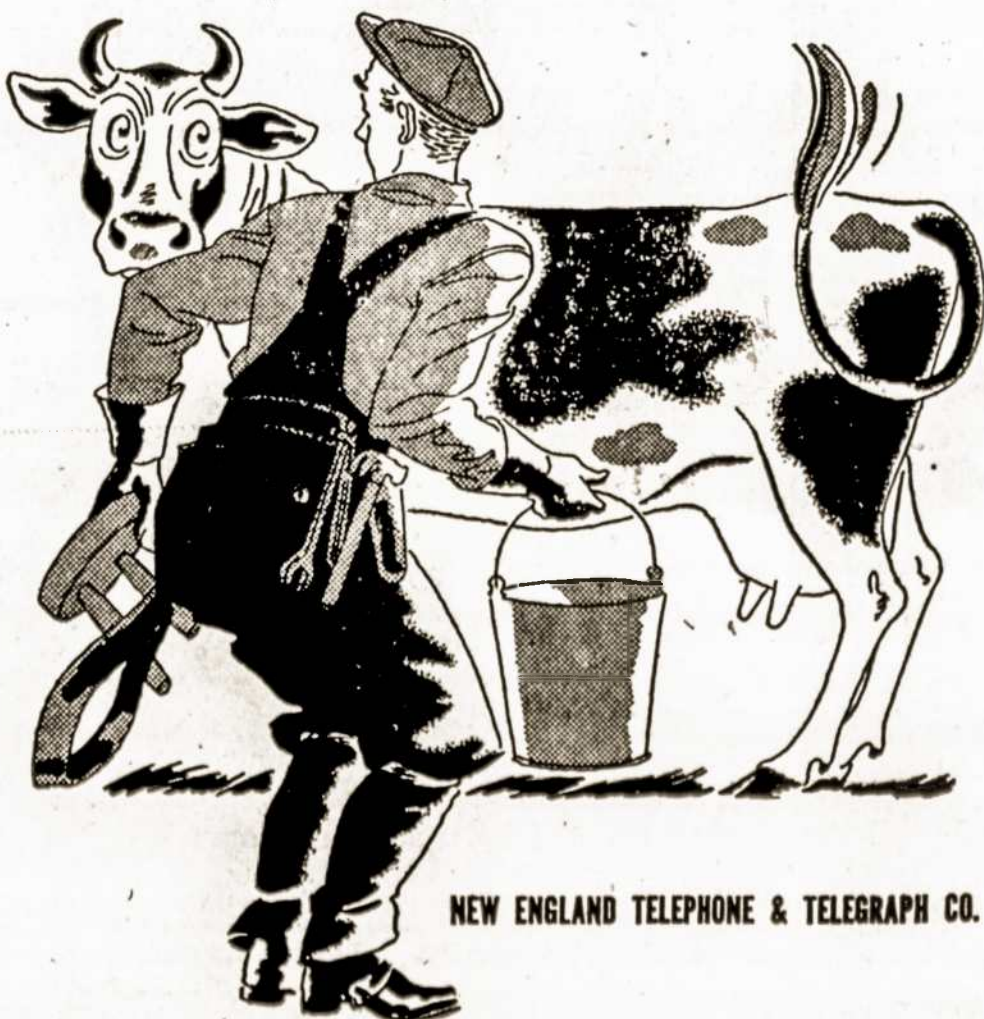
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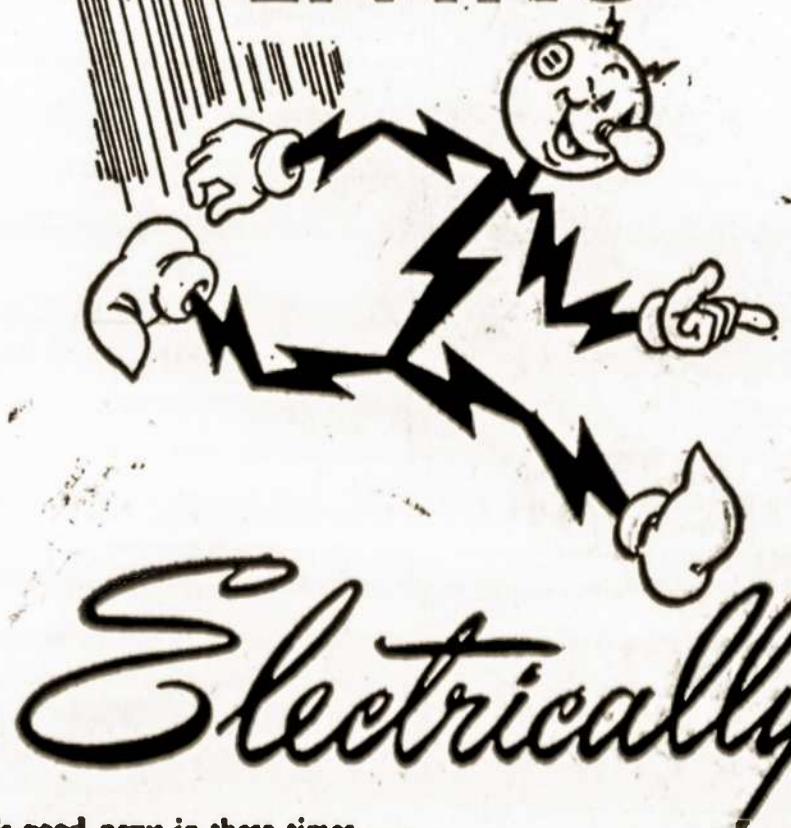


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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Lombard of Birnam Road at the Franklin County Hospital Thursday, May 24; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lombard of Northfield.

The County Extension service will show the movie "Soldiers of the soil" at the Grange meeting on Tuesday evening, June 12, when a large attendance of members will be expected.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Parsons of the Farms at the Franklin County Hospital Saturday June 2nd; grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parsons of Millers Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Tenney of this town.

There will be another engagement of the Bar-X cowboys at the Grange Hall in Vernon the evening of June 12 under the auspices of the North school parents club.

There will be a public supper at the South Vernon South school Tuesday evening June 19 by the P.T.A. Arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Hazel Johnson.

The body of Charles Henry Chickering of Greenfield, who died on Wednesday, May 23, was brought here for burial in the family plot in Center Cemetery the following Saturday after funeral services were held at Kidders funeral parlors with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating.

Marcia Alden Doolittle of Nassau, N. Y., was awarded one of the six Freshman Prize awards of \$600 given by Mt. Holyoke College for attaining the highest entrance marks of any applicant from her section of the country.

Marcia is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Doolittle of Northfield.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Truesdell of Leverett, who have many friends here, have been informed through the Red Cross that their son, Staff Sergt. Bradford Truesdell has been liberated from a German prison camp. He was inducted in the service in July, 1942, and after his training was sent abroad serving as an aerial gunner on a bomber. He was captured in June 1944.

Pfc. Ernest Glen Murray is enjoying a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Murray of South Vernon. Captured as a prisoner of war by the Germans early last December, he was liberated on April 17 by the Allied forces.

Ensign Carleton Finch of this town who is now stationed at San Pedro, Cal., has been assigned to a recently commissioned ship. His wife is living at Long Beach, Cal., where they have their home.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon, who have been at St. Petersburg, Fla., during the past winter, are now at their summer home on Rustic Ridge.

Mrs. Louise B. LaBella of this town has been visiting her sister in Scranton, Pa., and relatives in Cortland, N. Y. She also attended a reunion of her class at Mansfield Teachers College from which she graduated in 1895.

Miss Sara K. Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Powell.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools was a recent speaker at the chapel service at Phillips Exeter Academy, a Union College and at Williston Academy. He spoke at the graduation of nurses of House of Mercy Hospital at Pittsfield, and a commencement at Miss Beards School in Orange, N. J.

Young people of the town recently presented a musical show at the Town Hall which was styled "The Variety Review". There was singing and dancing and musical numbers and all were well done reflecting credit upon those who took part. The proceeds were given to the music fund of the public schools.

Pvt. Walter Zaluzny, who has been liberated from a German prison camp last April is soon expected at his home in South Vernon according to advice received by his mother from the war department.

In the area in and around Greenfield, which includes Northfield, there are about 460 applicants waiting for telephone service. The service will be supplied as rapidly as instruments can be made and supplied by the manufacturer. The restriction order of the WPB has been revoked but war needs are still essential.

Retires as President

The Rev. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin retires as president of Union Theological Seminary in New York this week and will be succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, a member of the faculty. Both are well known here because of their frequent visits and speaking engagements at the Northfield Schools and the summer conferences. Dr. Coffin will make his residence at Lakeville, Conn., and continue his literary work.

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